

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1757 – SB 1892**

January 27, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any arrangement, contract, agreement, trust, or combination between persons or corporations that is designed or tends to lessen competition of a service held out as generally available to the public.

Prohibits a news organization from refusing to vend, supply, distribute, or publish information or news to an entity conducting a newspaper or news distribution service held out as generally available to the public. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for any agent or employee of a news organization to assist an organization when it is engaged in discrimination of price or dissemination or when it has refused to provide access to a qualified political candidate as generally provided to other businesses or persons, given some exceptions. Creates a civil cause of action for a qualified political candidate who has been discriminated against in such a manner.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-25-112, it is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or combination thereof, to refuse or discriminate in its vending, supplying, distributing, or publishing; the penalty for violating the prohibitions is a Class C misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from a civil cause of action established by the proposed legislation will be borne by private parties.

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**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation is not estimated to have a significant impact on jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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